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For:	METHOD FOR REPRODUCING IN VITRO THE RNA-DEPENDENT RNA POLYMERASE AND TERMINAL NUCLEOTIDYL TRANSFERASE ACTIVITIES ENCODED BY HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV)

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Applicants note that the Restriction Requirement acknowledges a claim of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or (f), but indicates that certified copies of the priority documents have not been received. A certified copy of the priority document was provided in parent application 08/952,981 from the International Bureau.

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Accordingly the claims are in condition for allowance. Please charge deposit account 13-2755 for fees due in connection with this amendment. If any time extensions are needed for the timely filing of the present amendment, applicants petition for such extensions and authorize the charging of deposit account 13-2755 for the appropriate fees.

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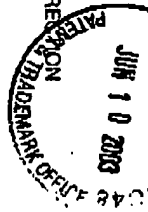
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